AN EXPRESS

To Her Majesty, from his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, brought by the Rt. Honourable the Earl of *Hertford*, with great News. The Addresses of the Lords and Commons, of Condoling Her Majesty, upon the Death of Prince *George*, and Congratulating Her on the Glorious Successes this year, with Her Most Gracious Answers to the said Addresses. Together with all the other News brought by yesterday's Packets.

Friday December 3d. 1708.

From the Whitehall, Account Published by Authority.

Audenard, November 28. N. S.

MAjor-General Cadugan and Brigadier Evans having been detached by his Grace the D. of Marlborough, with 9 Battalions, the Pontoons, and all the Artillery, in order to lay Bridges at Kirkhove and Etleghem, which were the Places his Grace design'd to pass at with his Army, and where the Enemy had a Corps Commanded by a Lieut. General. On the March his Grace receiv'd Notice about an hour before day, from the Major-General, that he had laid the Bridges and passed his Detachment without the Enemy's perceiving it; and upon his advancing to attack them, they retir'd in great Confusion and Disorder. The Army continued to march on with all possible diligence, and having pass'd the River at those places, form'd themselves; upon which, Pr. Eugene joyn'd his Grace, it being before agreed that whichever Corps passed first, the other should march to that place; and it having been resolved to attack the Body of Troops entrenched on the Hills before Audenard, under the Command of Mon. de Hautefort. As soon as the Enemy perceiv'd we were advancing to attack them, they began to Retire in so much haste, that notwithstanding all the diligence we made, we could only come up to attack their Rear Guard, which we entirely dispersed, killing a great many, and taking near 800 Prisoners, besides a great deal of Baggage and their Bread-waggons; In this Action our loss did not exceed 30 men kill'd and wounded; but the Earl of Albemarl, Pr. William of Hesse, and Count Maurice of Nassau had their Horses shot under them. We pursu'd them till it was dark, and encamp'd on the Hills near this Place. Prince Eugene with the Troops detach'd from the Siege, and 8 Battalions and 20 Squadrons of his Grace the D. of Marlborough's Army Returns this day to Lisle.

Brussels, November 29. N. S. Upon our arrival at Audenarde, after forcing the Passage of the Scheld, and beating the Enemy from their Retrenchments, his Grace the D. of Marlborough took Measures immediately for advancing towards this Place, which his Grace had continual Advices the Elector of *Bavaria* was pressing with the utmost Vigour: By break of Day yesterday the Army was in motion again; but to spare the Troops as much as possible, his Grace ordered the Main Body to halt last Night at Onberg, about 2 Leagues short; and advanced with a Detachment to Alost, to be so much the nearer the Enemy. Soon after his arrival there, his Grace had an Account, that the Elector, upon the first Notice he had of our forcing our Passage of the Scheld, quitted the Siege with such Precipitation, that he left 16 Cannon and 2 Mortars on the Batteries, with all the Ammunition, and 800 Wounded Men in the Camp, and retired in great Confusion towards Mons; whereupon his Grace came hither to take Measures for sending a supply of Ammunition and Stores to the Siege, and to thank the Garrison for their Vigorous Defence. His Grace was received with great Acclamations of Joy, being met without the Gates by the Governour, General and all the Chief Officers of the Garrison, he Lighted at the Governours House; where the Council of State, the States of *Brabant* &c. came immediately to make their Compliments of Thanks for their Seasonable Deliverance. We had not above 300 Men kill'd and wounded in the Attack on this Place, but the Enemy lost above 2000 Men.

From the P. S. to the Post Man dat. Nov. 27.

Brussels, Decemb. 3. N. S. This City was invested the 22d past, and on the 26 they began to fire their Cannon and Morters, as they did at Night with their small Arms, when they attack'd our Counterscarp with a great deal of Fury. But they were so warmly received by our Troops encouraged by the Presence of Lieutenant-General Paschale. Majors General Murry and Wrangle, and some other Officers of Note, that perhaps a more furious Action was never seen. It continued all the Night long with a great Slaughter, and out of 7 of the Enemies Engineers, 5 were kill'd and 2 taken Prisoners. The Governour of the Castle of Namure was kill'd. There is Advice from Spasn that the French have taken Denia.

From the Duke of *Marlborough's* Camp at Berlingen December 3. They begun the 30th past to raise Batteries on the Second Counterscarp of the Citradel of Lisle. We expect a great Convoy of Ammunition from Aeth, designed for Lisle. Our Troops from La Bassee have taken Fort St. Venant, a strong Post on the L

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From the P. S. to the Post-Boy, dated Nov. 27.

Brussels, Dec. 3: While the French were besieging this Place, above 1000 Deserters came over to us; who with the Killed and Wounded, this Expedition cost the Enemy above 4000 Men. They left 600 Waggons before this City. The D. of Marlborough has made a Publick Thanksgiving for Relieving this Place.

London, Nov. 27. Yesterday the Commons in a Committe, Resolved that 40000 Men be employed in the Sea Service, for the Year 1709, at 4 Pound per Man per Month.

This Day the Commons Order'd a Bill to be brought in to prevent all Wagers, that shall be laid, Relating to the Publick. Letters from Ostend of the 25. O. S. say, That the Citadel of Lisle has Surrendred.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal In Parliament Assembled.

Die Veneris 19. Novembris. 1708.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, cannot forbear Condoling with Your Majesty upon Your great Loss sustain'd in the Person of the Prince, whose Eminent Vertues must Render His Memory ever Dear to Us, and to the whole Kingdom.

But we are at the same time Bound in Duty to Beseech Your Majesty, That You wou'd Moderate Your Grief, and take Care of Your Health, upon which the Hopes and Comfort of Your People, and the Safety of Europe doth so much Depend.

We Congratulate Your Majesty upon the Happy and Glorious Progress of Your Arms, which we Hope, by the Blessing of God, will be Carried yet farther before the End of this Campaign: And we humbly Assure Your Majesty, That we will give our utmost Assistance in every Thing for the Prosecuting of this Just and Necessary War, being more and more Convinc'd, That no Peace can be Safe and Honourable, until the whole Monarchy of Spain be Restored to the House of Austria.

And we most Earnestly Desire, That at a time when Your own Subjects are making such extraordinary Efforts for Supporting the Common Cause, Your Majesty wou'd use Your most pressing Instances with Your Allies to shew a suitable Vigour, and particularly with those, the Interest of whose Family is more nearly Concern'd in this present War.

It is a great Pleasure to find the Satisfaction Your Majesty Expresses for having Accomplish'd the Union; And as we were very Early in Declaring our Desires for Beginning a Treaty, and very Zealous in our Endeavours to bring it to a Happy Conclusion, so we shall never be Wanting to do all that is possible on our Parts, to make it Perfect, and a Blessing to the whole Island. We think our selves Oblig'd in Duty to Declare to Your Majesty, That we will at the Expence of our Lives and Estates, Support and Defend Your Majesties Royal Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession, as by Law Establish'd, against all Pretenders, and all Your Enemies whatsoever.

Her Majesties most Gracious Answer.

THat Her Majesty Thank'd the House of Lords very kindly for their Address; as well as for the manner of Sending it to Her on this Occasion.

The Humble Address of the House of Commons to the QUEEN.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects. the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament Assembled, beg leave to Congratulate the Glorious Successes of this Year, gain'd by the Arms of Your Majesty, and those of Your Allies.

The Great and Signal Advantages that have been so wonderfully Obtain'd, so Vigorously Prosecuted and Improv'd, and upon all Occasions so Happily Accomplished, are repeated Instances, That no Difficulties are Insuperable to Your Great Commanders, and no Force of the Enemy able to Obstruct the Progress of Your Victorious Arms; which gives Us good Grounds to hope for further Success, before the Conclusion of this Long and Active Campaign.

Your Majesty's good Subjects, through the whole course of this War, have most chearfully Granted the Necessary Supplies for Supporting and Carrying it on with Vigour; and have seen such good Fruits of their former Zeal that Your Majesty may be Assured this House will never be Wanting in their Duty to Your Majesty, or the Interest of those they Represent, but are determined to give such Supplies as, by the Blessing of God, may be most Effectual for reducing the Power of the Common Enemy, and forcing him to Accept such a Peace, as Your Majesty, in Conjunction with Your Allies, shall think Honourable and Lasting.

The Union is so great a Glory to Your Majesty, and Advantage to all Your People, That We shall do every Thing on Our Part to Strengthen and Improve it: But above all, it shall be our utmost Care to Defend your Majesty's Sacred Person, to Support Your undoubted Title to the Crown, to disappoint the Hopes and Designs of the Pretender, and all his Open and Secret Abettors, and to maintain the Protestant Succession, as by Law Established.

Her Majesty's Most Gracious Answer.

THAT Her Majesty returns You many Thanks for all the Hearty Assurances You have given Her in this Address; particularly for those of Assisting Her in bringing this War to a Safe and Happy Conclusion which Her Majesty does very much Desire for the Ease and Security of Her People. And as She does entirely Depend upon Your Dispatch of the Supplies Necessary to that End: So She Hopes God Almighty will still continue to Bless the Endeavours of Her Majesty, and Her Subjects, for the Good of the Common Cause.

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